

# ARKANSAS WATERWAYS COMMISSION

## Enabling Laws

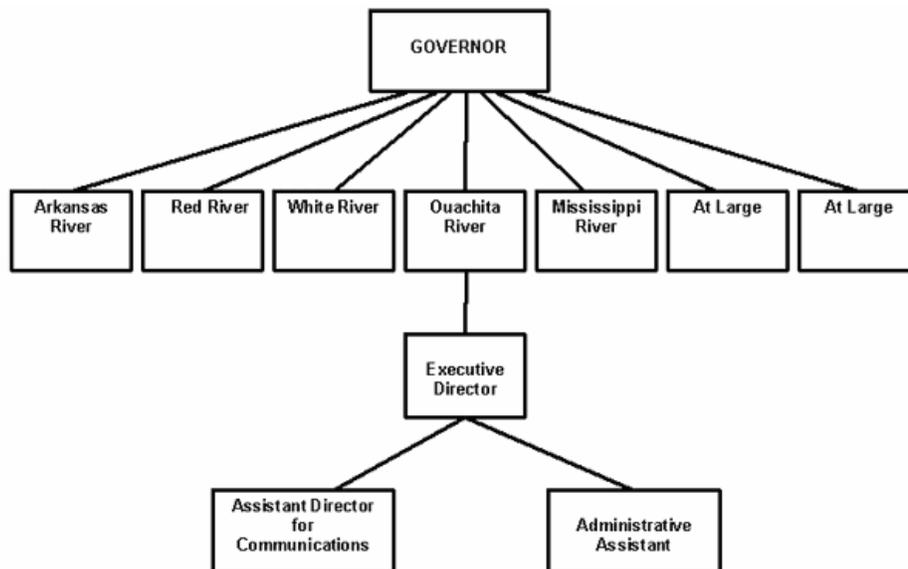
Act 1832 of 2005

A.C.A §15-23-201 - §15-23-204

A.C.A §15-23-901 - §15-23-906

## History and Organization

The Arkansas Waterways Commission supports the development of the navigable waterways of Arkansas. The 7 member, Governor-appointed, Commission was created by Act 242 of 1967. The Commission, which is funded by general revenues, is supported by a three person staff and offers services and advice to the water transportation industry by means of correspondence, participation in seminars, serving on advisory committees and boards, and providing research on specialty subjects. The Commission also supports the efforts of the Red River Valley, Arkansas Basin and White River Valley Associations through its States Contribution line item. The 81st General Assembly provided an Assistant Director of Communications position for the 1997-99 biennium to create an awareness of the waterways and promote the State's waterways through multi-media communications.



## Agency Commentary

The Arkansas Waterways Commission is the sole state agency responsible for developing, promoting, and protecting the five commercially navigable rivers of the State for waterborne transportation and economic development. This natural resource is under-developed and consequently, under-used, especially in comparison to the investments made by other states with which we share waterways. Opportunities missed include local economic development, transportation savings, international trade, and potential loss of federal construction and maintenance funding. Competition for funds is intense, putting our rivers and their annual \$800 million dollar

contribution to Arkansas economy at risk. Two needs are within the State's ability to correct: port infrastructure, and marketing of existing resources. The infrastructure needs will be addressed in separate legislation. The marketing efforts are included in the budget of the operating and maintenance budget of the Waterways Commission. Marketing successes will be measured by port development and waterways utilization brought about through shipper awareness of capabilities, direct marketing to target industries, education of government leaders at local, state and federal levels, and education of general public.

Maintenance and Operations: The new budget represents an increase of \$20,431 over FY07, which most was for marketing for the assistant director for communications position. Operations totals \$234,880, which includes Regular Salaries, Conference and Travel Expenses, Operating Expenses, State Contributions, as well as membership in several associations vital to the Agency's mission.

**Audit Findings**

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
 AUDIT OF :  
 ARKANSAS WATERWAYS COMMISSION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

**Employment Summary**

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	1	0	1	50 %
Black Employees	0	1	1	50 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			1	50 %
Total Employees			2	100 %

**Publications**

**A.C.A 25-1-204**

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# Of Copies	Reason (s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Biennial Report	A.C.A §15-23-204	Y	N	200	To inform state elected officials, colleagues and other interested parties on activities, goals and accomplishments of the Arkansas Waterways Commission.

**Agency Position Usage Report**

FY2004-2005						FY2005-2006						FY2006-2007					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
3	3	0	3	0	0.00%	3	2	1	3	0	33.33%	3	2	1	3	0	33.33%

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 085 - Arkansas Waterways Commission

**Funding Sources:** HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

The Arkansas Waterways Commission supports the development of the navigable waterways of Arkansas. The seven (7) member, Governor-appointed Commission was created by Act 242 of 1967. The Commission is supported by a three (3) member staff and offers services and advice to the water transportation industry through correspondence, participation in seminars, serving on advisory committees and boards, and providing research on specialty subjects. The Commission also supports the efforts of the Red River Valley, Arkansas Basin and White River Valley Associations through the State's Contributions line item. This appropriation is funded by general revenue.

The Agency requests Base Level of \$214,449 for FY08 and FY09.

A cost of living increase is not incorporated in Base Level pending the outcome of the Classification and Compensation Study. The Base Level request of \$128,525 for FY08 and \$128,525 for FY09 for Regular Salaries does include board member Stipend payments. FY07 salary levels have been held flat each year for all incumbents. Personal Services Matching may reflect increases in the Base Level due to the Social Security Tax maximum income limit and certain increases in Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Tax rates. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$30 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$350 per month.

The Commission requests an appropriation increase of \$20,431 each year of the biennium. The increase is for Regular Salaries and Personal Services Match of \$1,033 for FY08 and \$1,033 for FY09 to cover board members stipends, an increase of \$12,546 in Operating Expenses for FY08 and FY09 to cover office rent, other rent & leases, board member travel and related expenses for tours of the development of the five navigable rivers and ports, association member dues, and travel and related expenses for a marketing and public relations program. An increase in Conferences & Travel Expense of \$11,994 for FY08 and for FY09 is requested for marketing and general education of the public, business community, and policy makers of Arkansas' navigable rivers and ports. The Commission requests an increase in the State's Contributions line item of \$4,400 for each fiscal year to restore the appropriation back to the 2003-2005 authorized of \$7,000 each fiscal year.

The Agency is decreasing Operating Expenses (Other Expenses & Services and Mileage) by \$9,542 each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Base Level as well as the requested increase in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching to cover board member stipend payments.

**Appropriation**

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**Historical Data**

**Agency Request and Executive Recommendation**

Commitment Item	2005-2006	2006-2007	2006-2007	2007-2008			2008-2009		
	Actual	Budget	Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	126,106	128,525	138,932	128,525	129,485	129,485	128,525	129,485	129,485
<b>#Positions</b>	<b>3</b>								
Personal Services Matching 5010003	36,460	37,391	37,709	38,463	38,536	38,536	38,463	38,536	38,536
Operating Expenses 5020002	27,100	41,985	55,782	41,985	44,989	41,985	41,985	44,989	41,985
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	2,759	2,876	2,876	2,876	14,870	2,876	2,876	14,870	2,876
Professional Fees 5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State's Contributions 5900021	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	7,000	2,600	2,600	7,000	2,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>195,025</b>	<b>213,377</b>	<b>237,899</b>	<b>214,449</b>	<b>234,880</b>	<b>215,482</b>	<b>214,449</b>	<b>234,880</b>	<b>215,482</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>									
General Revenue 4000010	195,025	212,899		214,449	234,880	215,482	214,449	234,880	215,482
Merit Adjustment Fund 4000055	0	478		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>195,025</b>	<b>213,377</b>		<b>214,449</b>	<b>234,880</b>	<b>215,482</b>	<b>214,449</b>	<b>234,880</b>	<b>215,482</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>195,025</b>	<b>213,377</b>		<b>214,449</b>	<b>234,880</b>	<b>215,482</b>	<b>214,449</b>	<b>234,880</b>	<b>215,482</b>

## Change Level by Appropriation

**Appropriation:** 085-Arkansas Waterways Commission

**Funding Sources:** HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

### Agency Request

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>214,449</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>214,449</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>214,449</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>214,449</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	29,973	0	244,422	113.9	29,973	0	244,422	113.9
C03	Discontinue Program	(9,542)	0	234,880	109.5	(9,542)	0	234,880	109.5

### Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>214,449</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>214,449</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>214,449</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>214,449</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	1,033	0	215,482	100.4	1,033	0	215,482	100.4
C03	Discontinue Program	0	0	215,482	100.4	0	0	215,482	100.4

### Justification

C01	An increase in salary and match of \$1,033 is requested for FY08 and FY09 to cover board member stipends. An increase in Operating Expense of \$12,546 in FY08 and FY09 for rent, other rent & leases, board member travel and related expenses and staff travel and related expenses. An increase in Travel of \$11,994 in FY08 and FY09 for marketing and education of the general public, business community, and policy makers of Arkansas' navigable rivers and ports. An increase of \$4,400 is requested for State's Contributions for FY08 and FY09 to restore the appropriation to its original amount of \$7,000.
C03	The agency is decreasing Mileage and Other Expenses in Operating Expense by \$9,542 in FY08 and FY09.